

FISH and WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: October 13, 2016

Agenda Item: Pine Grove Pond Land Donation

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed: Endorsement

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 Min

Background

FWP first brought this site to the Commission in May of 2009 when the landowner, Robin Street offered to donate the Department a 12.789-acre parcel of land for a family fishing pond. Since that time the site has been fully developed and is one of the most heavily used FASs in Region 1 receiving in excess of 30,000 angler days per year. Two years ago Mr. Street donated another small parcel of his land in order to allow FWP to expand the existing parking area. Mr. Street is now in the process of selling the 157-acres of land adjacent to the FAS and anticipates the property will be subdivided for home sites. To prevent potential encroachment on the FAS from the subdivision development Mr. Street is proposing to donate approximately eight additional acres of property to establish a buffer between any future subdivision development and the FAS.

Public Involvement Process & Results

Upon receiving the Commission's endorsement FWP will prepare an environmental assessment that will be released for public review and comment. Any and all comments will be addressed by the Department and incorporated into a Final Decision Notice.

Alternatives and Analysis

The Department will consider two alternatives. The No Action alternative would mean the Department will not accept the donation of land and no buffer would be provided between the FAS and any land development that will occur on the 157-acres adjacent to the FAS. The Preferred Alternative will be to accept the donation of land providing a physical and visual buffer between the FAS and any land development that would occur once the 157-acres is sold.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends that the Commission endorse efforts by the Department to pursue the donation of land by Mr. Street.

Proposed Motion

I move that the Fish and Wildlife Commission authorize the Department to pursue acquisition of the land donation by Mr. Street.